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CONFIRMATION OF TELEPHONE ELECTION

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Sir:

A telephone requirement for restriction was made in connection with the above-identified application on December 5, 2001.

The undersigned attorney confirms that in response to that telephone requirement, a provisional election was made with traverse of claims 20 and 22. Applicant hereby reserves the right to fully respond to the restriction requirement upon receipt of an Office Action on the merits.

No additional fee is required. However, the Honorable Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge payment of any fees due with this communication or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 19-0513.

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I hereby certify that the correspondence to which this statement is affixed is being deposited with the United States Postal Service, postage paid as first class mail in an envelope addressed to Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 2327, Arlington, VA 22202 this date of **December 6, 2001**

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